



SWPAG NEWSLETTER



Social Workers' on the Move!

What's ahead in 2017

From the Chair:

I am truly humbled and honored to be serving as your **2017 Social Work Professional Advisory Group Chair**. Thank you for granting me the privilege of sharing my vision. Commitment to visibility as Officers is a time-honored tradition, and though an opportunity of freedom to serve in the USPHS as a Commissioned Officer, I also feel it is my responsibility to continue growing and evolving as a Leader. Learning as much from you as you from me, I will remain consistently professional, executing all appropriate military customs and courtesies. As a member of the Corps, I encourage you to navigate through utilizing every opportunity available - choosing to seek out leaders, mentors, administrators, and fellow Officers who will prove to serve as catalysts for professional growth, development, and leadership. Through our journey, we, together, will evolve into effective Leaders, Teachers, and Scholars.

As your Chair I will serve and represent the Corps by displaying excellence, persistence, loyalty, honor, and truth. **Our Theme:** Social Workers' on the Move!

My **Vision:** SWPAG in keeping with HSPAC & USPHS missions, to:

Lead, plan, coordinate, establish, develop, collaborate, implement, facilitate, and replicate a systematic **Social Work Professional Advisory Group** Performance Improvement Program IAW **Social Work Professional Advisory Group** and **Health Services Professional Advisory Group** Bylaws, designed to



identify challenges in areas of Officership and Officer Personal Accountability to USPHS regarding Communication, Readiness; Increased Collaboration & Expansion Efforts; Policy; Advocacy, Visibility, Compliance, Professional Development; Education, Recruitment; Retention; and Functionality.

My Goal: To enrich overall morale, cohesion, performance, efficiency, impact, and stakeholder relationships not only among Social Workers but also all Officers, the USPHS, and the nation. Furthermore, as Leaders we are responsible for initiating and developing successful collaborations among other OPDIVS / Officer Disciplines creating partnerships to expand capacity & frequency communication.

Lastly, as your Chair I plan to lead the **Social Work Professional Advisory Group** in Education & Training Programs which will be discipline-specific through leader motivation, preparedness, & resolve. I am a dedicated, professional, compassionate, and flexible leader, strategic in planning, coordinating, developing, implementing, and managing; resourceful with an ability to think critically, rationally, and logically allows for imagination & creativity; adaptable; enthusiastic learner.

Operational Goals:

- Utilize SWPAG Gmail / Consolidate documents
- Recognize SWPAG members at every opportunity
- Generate, Increase, Maintain, and Enhance: Leadership, Manageability, Timeliness, Accountability, Organization, Structure, Communication, Consistency, Enthusiasm, & Fellowship
- Engage and Promote Community Outreach, Membership, Readiness, Teamwork, and Collaboration
- Maintain bylaws in keeping with HSPAC Uniform Bylaws; Utilize for historical guidance
- Promote, Maintain, and Expand SWPAG 2017 (Tentative) Activities & Initiatives (Subject to Change) - (See SWPAG 2017 Major Initiatives Sheet dtd 09 Jan 17 (Seeking Volunteers in Leadership)
- Promote Professional Social Work development and versatility by encouraging team to seek and complete specialty certifications
- Encourage, Enhance, and Promote Mentorship / Clinical Supervision / Leadership Opportunities
- Seek to promote and utilize Approved Evidenced-Based research, information, and data

SWPAG General Meetings Schedule - 2017
2017 SWPAG Newsletters

3rd Thursday/Month, 1300hrs - 1400hrs EST
(Except the months of Jul – Aug) – NO MEETINGS
Call Information: 641-715-3286 546654#

19 January 2017 (New Year!) (Newsletter, Winter Edition)
16 February 2017
16 March 2017 (Newsletter, Special Edition- Professional Social Work Month)
20 April 2017 (Newsletter, Spring Edition)
18 May 2017
15 June 2017 (Newsletter, Summer Edition)
21 September 2017
19 October 2017
16 November 2017
21 December 2017 (Close-Out) (Newsletter, Year End Edition)



SWPAG 2017
Major Initiatives (Tentative)
Subject to change

NOTE: In no way do these supersede or negate our previous SWPAG “ongoing” initiatives.

2017 will be an explosion of things to come that will be in keeping with our theme: “Social Workers on the Move”. We have a number of **BIG** initiatives in the pike that will require tremendous assistance. We hope your motivation and natural talents will be challenged by applying for one or more of these and many other opportunities.

- **SWPAG New Construction of Organizational Chart – Lead:** CDR William Bolduc
william.bolduc@samhsa.hhs.gov
- **SWPAG to present topics during National Professional Social Work Month. 2a. SWPAG to present topics at NASW Conference NC.** All SWPAG Members are encouraged to present and contact the **Lead:** LCDR Robert Van Meir – robert.e.van-meir.mil@mail.mil
- **2b. SWPAG to present topics at NASW Conference DC. Lead:** CDR Indira Harris
iharris@hrsa.gov
- **Constant flow of informative and resource articles for our scheduled Newsletters to include but not limited to a new "Jobs Corner" - Lead:** CDR Kathleen Watkins
kathleen.l.watkins.mil@mail.mil. Our newsletter will also feature highlights of what our SWs are doing in the field. Currently the Newsletter **lead** is LCDR Justin Peglowski -
justinpeglowski@gmail.com.
- **Professional Social Work Applicant Review Team –** Review Social Work Applicants to conduct independent, effective reviews of application documents ensuring applicants meet national clinical requirements and professionalism. Create standardized rubrics, scoring, and ranking order data sets to analyze and select BEST qualified candidates in accordance with National Standards and PHS Appointment Standards. **Lead** is TBD - POC - CDR Sonjia Howard
- **AMSUS Professional Social Work “50” -** In an effort to increase PHS social work participation in the AMSUS Annual Meeting, campaign to get at least 50 PHS social workers registered and encourage social workers to present topics during Leadership Day, the poster competition, and/or on Podium Workshops. **Lead:** LCDR Robert Van Meir - robert.e.van-meir.mil@mail.mil.
- **AMSUS Joint Services Social Work Panel Presentation -** A coordinated panel led by SWPAG that will consist of a vast array of Uniformed Service Members across the nation to present a topic/topics that are research and evidenced-based. The panel this year will be 2-3 hours and CEUs will be offered. The team of this initiative is responsible for writing and submitting an abstract to AMSUS Planning Committee for consideration for presentation and CEUs by deadline date. The team is also responsible for advertising/marketing. **Lead:** LCDR Kari Harris
k2xharris@bop.gov.
- **Survey for Career Progression / Jobs Corner –** In an effort to encourage PHS social workers to document expertise and advance the profession in the Commissioned Corps, SWPAG will lead an initiative encouraging every social worker to gain a specialty practice credential beyond licensure. SWPAG will establish a database of PHS social workers’ credentials and education to help inform the direction this initiative should take. **Lead:** CDR Kathleen Watkins -
kathleen.l.watkins.mil@mail.mil. **Goals:** 1. Reach 100% specialty practice credentials by EOY 2017. 2. Encourage all PHS social workers to apply for State Supervision Credentialing
- **SBIRT - Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment w/ GMU – Lead:** CDR Malaysia Gresham malaysia.h.gresham.mil@mail.mil

2016 SENIOR SOCIAL WORKER OF THE YEAR

U.S. Army Medical Command Recognizes USPHS Senior Social Worker of the Year



BG R. Scott Dingle & CDR Watkins

On 5 AUG 16 Brigadier General (BG) R. Scott Dingle, Deputy Chief of Staff of Operations, G-3/5/7, U.S. Army Medical Command, presented CDR Kathleen Watkins with the Social Work Professional Advisory Group Senior Social Worker of the Year Award for outstanding leadership in implementing the Army's Behavioral Health Service Line, resulting in the creation and retention of 82 jobs for U.S. Public Health Service officers.

BG Dingle referred to CDR Watkins as “The Quiet Storm” to describe her quiet demeanor and reputation for making a strong impact. As Army Program Manager for the DoD-Department of Health and Human Services Mental Health Memorandum of Agreement (otherwise known as the DoD-PHS Psychological Health Partnership), CDR Watkins holds the most senior PHS billet assigned to Army Behavioral Health. In the past year CDR Watkins has expanded the footprint of PHS by creating over 40 new PHS jobs for Army Medicine resulting in PHS social workers in higher billets and leadership roles throughout the Army to include OCONUS locations; Alaska and Hawaii.



BG Dingle, CDR Watkins & Behavioral Health Division, OTSG

PHS Social Workers: Answering the Call and Leading the Way

By: CDR Indira Harris

Once again, Clinical Social Workers have proven their abilities expand beyond the façade of what others perceive we do. Yes, we treat, advocate, organize, support, link, consult, implement, and develop, but we can do so many other things as well. When I was a teenager and first decided that I wanted to be a social worker, I envisioned them as people who went ‘into the trenches’ with those they served. There was no circumstance or condition that would stop them – as long as it was done with integrity and competence. Our participation in Wreaths Across America this year underscored this long-held belief.

On December 17, 2016, under the auspices of the DC-COA Veterans and Military Outreach Subcommittee, chaired and co-chaired by LCDR Stephanie Felder (also a Social Worker) and myself, Social Workers were at the forefront of the Wreaths Across America mission at Arlington National Cemetery. For the 2nd year in a row, we took the lead on organizing DC-COA’s support of this mission and demonstrated how apt Social Workers are to adapt to any environment. We were charged with unloading boxes of wreaths from an 18-wheeler truck, and adorning almost 4000 graves with holiday wreaths. That particular day, it was below 20 degrees with

constant freezing rain and icy roads. Two of our three Crew Chiefs (to include our Chair-Select, CDR Sonjia Howard) were Social Workers and provided impeccable leadership on the ground throughout the mission. Prior to the onslaught of the poor weather, we expected our biggest turnout to date – a quadrupling of volunteers from last year; however, with many officers and families being handicapped by the unexpected road conditions, we only had one-third of those volunteers able to support the effort. Nevertheless, we did what Social Workers do best – think quick on our feet, stay the course and remain focused, work efficiently, demonstrate leadership, ensure safety of ourselves and others, and show the ultimate respect to those we came to serve.



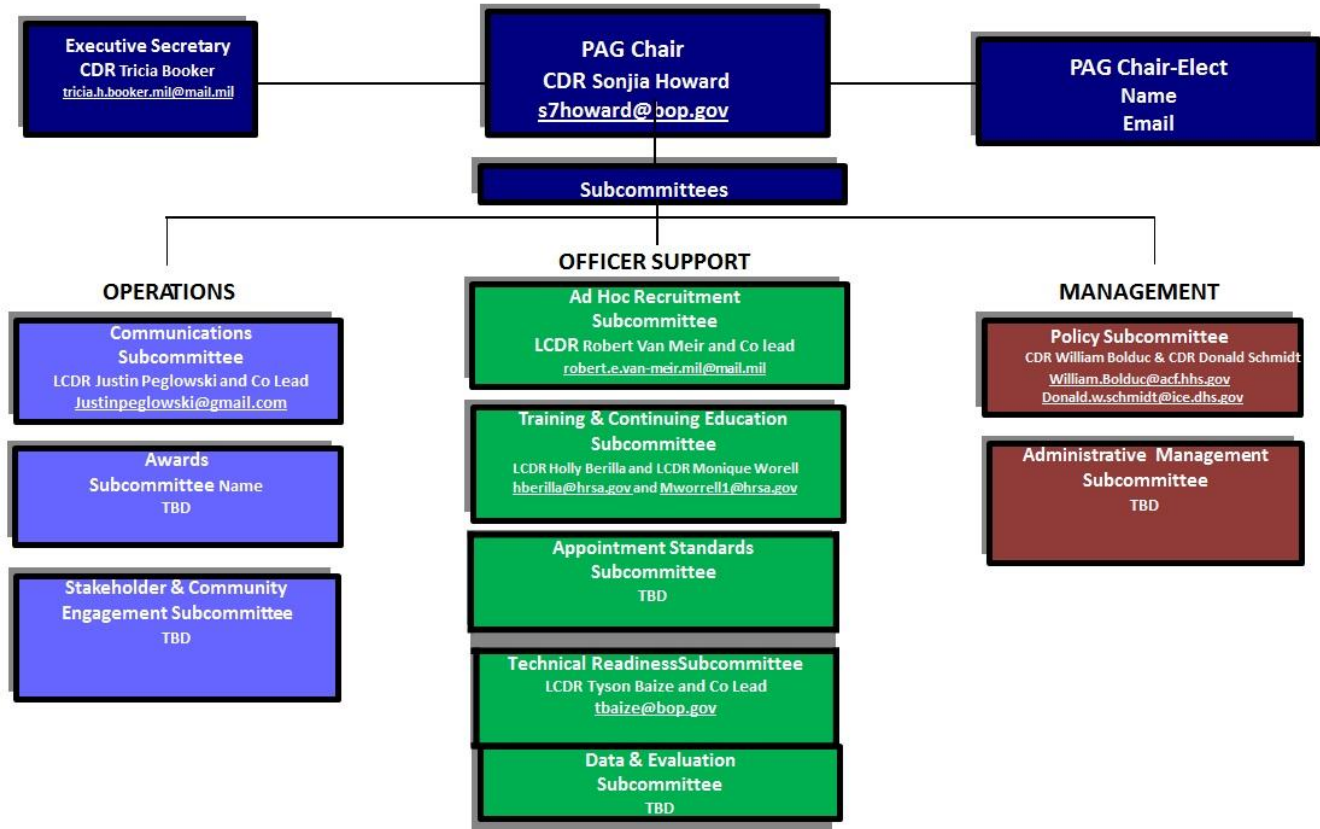
It was a breathtaking event and one we won’t soon forget. It’s amazing to see what a group of fearless individuals can do with a common goal. It’s another thing to see (and be proud of) when you realize many of those fearless people leading the way were one of us...PHS Social Workers. BRAVO ZULU!

On January 28, 2017 we completed the final part of this mission – cleaning up the cemetery and removing the wreaths from each grave. Many of those stymied by the weather in December signed up to join us in January.

SWPAG 2017 Organizational Chart



2017 SWPAG
Professional Advisory Group Organizational Chart



The organizational chart will be changing and updating in the next few months. This will be the basic structure. As the SWPAG Executive Leadership is able to better identify areas of need some changes may be made. Additionally, as new co-chairs are added additional information will be provided.

Jobs Connection



The SWPAG is proud to start a jobs page. This is a new initiative spearheaded by our PAG Chair. Please share opportunities you are aware of for posting.

BOP Projected Social Work Openings:

Florence, CO
Tallahassee, FL
Marianna, FL
Devens, MA
Butner, NC
Bryan, TX
Tucson, AZ
Phoenix, AZ
Dublin, CA

Interested officers for BOP positions should contact CAPT Jay Seligman, JSeligman@bop.gov, 202-353-8638.

Title	Supervisory Social Worker	Supervisory Social Worker	Supervisory Social Worker
Billet Grade	O-5	O-5	O-5
Location	Irwin Army Community Hospital, Fort Riley, Kansas	Irwin Army Community Hospital, Fort Riley, Kansas	Winn Army Community Hospital, Fort Stewart, Georgia
Duties	Will lead and supervise team leaders	Will lead an Embedded BH team/program	Will serve as chief of an outpatient behavioral health clinic/program

Interested officers for DoD positions should contact CDR Kathleen Watkins at kathleen.l.watkins.mil@mail.mil or call 703-681-5806.

2017 SWPAG Elections

Dear SWPAG Colleagues,

Please take a minute in the coming days to cast your vote for your 2017 Social Work Professional Advisory Group (SWPAG) chair-elect and secretary. Please find the list of candidates below along with the attached candidate statements.

2017 SWPAG Chair Elect Candidates:

1. CDR Bill Bolduc
2. CDR Indira Harris
3. CDR Anthony Johnson
4. LCDR Karri Harris

2017 SWPAG Executive Secretary:

1. LCDR Marriah Lombardo

Please send you vote for the 2017 SWPAG Chair Elect and Executive Secretary to CDR Tricia Booker at tricia.h.booker.mil@mail.mil or tricia_booker@yahoo.com, NLT, COB, Tuesday 14 February 2017.



Self-Nomination for SWPAG Chair

1. Nomination is for SWPAG Chair
2. (a) CDR William (Bill) Bolduc
(b) SAMHSA, Center for Mental Health Services
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3. Public Health Advisor; Lead Monitor, Mental Health Block Grant
*Note: I will PCS to Administration of Children and Families, effective 16Jan2017.
I will be serving as Branch Chief, Community Services Block Grant*
4. Vision for the SWPAG:
I see the SWPAG playing a crucial role in HSPAC. Social Workers excel in advocating and organizing and I want the SWPAG to be on the forefront of positive change in growing the Corps for future generations of Social Workers. I also envision a fully prepared cadre of Social Work Officers who (1) are trained in the evidenced-based assessment and intervention (2) are health care leaders and advocates for social work values, including embracing diversity, caring for the disadvantaged or underserved, and developing forward-thinking policies that promote behavioral health.

Under the leadership of the SWPAG, we can identify, promote, create increased opportunities for career advancement through identifying critical gaps and meeting critical needs throughout HHS, DHS, IHS, BOP, DOD and other agencies where PHS Officer serve. No one individual can do this but together we can be the most dynamic profession in the HSPAC.
5. Throughout my 7 years in the Commissioned Corps, I have taken on leadership roles in my work assignments as well as the Corps. I have also strived to mentor Junior Social Work Officers. I am currently serving as Policy Chair of the SWPAG. Other leadership roles include chairing the COA Legislative and Benefits Tricare Workgroup, serving as a Deputy Team Leader for Mental Health Team #4 and serving as a Crew Chief for DC COA Wreaths Across America (2015). While stationed at Fort Bragg, I was very involved in NC COA, serving as a Side Boy for numerous promotion ceremonies and retirements as well as a volunteer at Durham Bulls game and the PHS Music Ensemble on the National Mall (2011). I also serve as a mentor for Junior Social Work Officers.

I understand and appreciate both direct clinical work and health care management and advocacy on a macro level. I have over 21 years of years of experience as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, including 15 years as a clinician and clinical administrator prior to joining the Corps. In addition to my MSW, I hold a Master's in Health Policy and Management. I have experience and expertise working in outpatient mental health, military settings, children and families and program management.

Although my career in the Corps is relatively short, I have taken on leadership roles at every opportunity. My first assignment in the Corps was developing and leading a 24/7 behavioral health unit at Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, where I also served as Director of Training for the Army Social Work Internship Program at Fort Bragg. I have served as an Operations Officers in the Secretary's Operations Center, where I helped to coordinate the Ebola mission. Currently, I serve as a Lead Monitor for the Mental Health Block Grant at SAMHSA and I have accepted an assignment as Branch Chief of Community Services Block Grant at Administration of Children and Families.



As usual, keep the articles coming for the newsletter!!

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Nomination submission for SWPAG Officers 2017

1. Position of Nomination: **Chair-Elect**
2. Personal Information of the Nominee:
 - a. Nominee: **CDR Indira Harris**
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 - c. Office & Cell Phone: **(301) 945-9608; (954) 347-6095 (preferred contact method)**
 - d. E-mail address: **Indirawall@gmail.com**
3. Nominee's current work function/position:
 - a. **I am a Public Health Analyst for HRSA's HIV/AIDS Bureau's Division of Community HIV/AIDS Programs. In this role, I manage 12 grant recipients and their utilization of over \$4 million of federal funds to provide outpatient HIV primary care to low income, vulnerable, medically underserved persons living with HIV (PLWH) and coordinate HIV services access to research for Women, Infants, Children and Youth in existing geographic service areas. I also provide direct consultation and technical assistance regarding programmatic and technical issues. Within 2 months of employment, I was selected to serve on several workgroups to include the HIV/AIDS Bureau's Behavioral Health Workgroup.**
4. Nominee's vision for the SWPAG:

As USPHS officers, we work to address the health of our nation in various ways. I am unwaveringly committed to continuing that inspiring and worthwhile work through my daily professional duties and the mission of the SWPAG. Due to my vast clinical and leadership experience, I believe I can mold myself to any situation or circumstance and excel on an exemplary level. That is what I envision for all social workers – being able to utilize and strengthen their pre-existing skillsets, but also gaining fundamental knowledge and experience in an array of clinical areas to make us more flexible and not only basic ready – but clinically prepared to serve whenever and however we are needed. We have a profound opportunity to link incoming, skilled SW Officers with a hub of employment resources that eases their ability to find work and be placed in agencies that meet the mission of PHS, expand their skill set and knowledge base, automatically link them to mentoring and professional support opportunities, and ensure a sense of cohesion between established PHS social workers and incoming clinicians. My vision for the SWPAG also includes the need to identify clinician strengths and challenges to better focus our efforts on expanding our clinical offerings with innovative, forward-thinking options. By implementing these measures, we will ensure the preparedness of Clinical Social Workers for leadership roles not only within the Corps, but also throughout the national and international public health community. It is also

important to explore avenues of cooperation between PAG's to elevate the work that we all do to further the overall mission of the Corps.

5. Leadership ability and track record:
 - a. **Selected to be Executive Officer of HSPAC/SWPAG's initiative to review and screen Social Work PHS Commissioned Corps applicants**
 - b. **Veteran and Military Outreach Subcommittee Co-Chair (DC-COA) – successfully co-led multiple events to include the Wreaths Across America initiative with participation quadrupling from 2015 to 2016; Final Salute female homeless veteran holiday adopt-a-family initiative which adopted 8 families and raised over \$1100 for 45 homeless female veterans; and multiple joint initiatives with the Washington DC VA Medical Center**
 - c. **USPHS Officer Basic Course Honor Guard adjunct faculty – charged with training new OBC academy cadets on Honor Guard customs and courtesies, as well as presenting the colors for special events**
 - d. **Active member and leader in the HSPAC Recruitment and Retention Subcommittee**
 - e. **Served as a national mental health expert panelist for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder for SAMHSA's National Expert Panel Conference**
 - f. **I have also held multiple leadership roles while stationed at Fort Bragg and SAMHSA**
 - g. **Recently sought out by local university leaders in Miami-Dade County, Florida to spearhead a public health effort in the inner city public school academic community**



Nomination submission for SWPAG Officers 2017

1. Position of Nomination: Chair-Elect
2. Personal Information of the Nominee:
 - a. Nominee: CDR Anthony Johnson
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 - d. E-mail address: Anthony.johnson@samhsa.hhs.gov
3. Nominee's current work function/position: Program Management Officer

Serve as Contracting Officer and Program Manager for Program Evaluation and Prevention Contract and Strategic Prevention Framework-Rx Contract to state agencies with multi-modal services within \$10mil funding allocation. Responsible for program evaluation, systems review, assessment for program modification and service development perspectives to enhance service provision within state, urban and Tribal behavioral health programs. Assess funding utilization and quality assurance criteria within HHS and SAMHSA guidelines and formulate reports for national standards review and funding projections for future substantive programs.

4. Nominee's vision for the SWPAG:

The Social Work PAG is an integral discipline within the HSO Category and the overall United States Public Health Service mission to promote health and wellness of all humankind. Social workers comprise a multi and interdisciplinary skillset which creates an avenue to impact HHS and stakeholder agency operations within clinical practice, program administration and policy and regulatory compliance. From a visionary perspective I present that the SWPAG is positioned to expand the HSO category influence beyond the specialization to functionality as strategic leaders who develop program infrastructure to fill voids in care, service administration and ensure population sustainability. The key perspective centers on expanding the technical readiness of social work officers in areas of project management, governance, budget management, quality management and public affairs. Social workers are known for our service capacity but the realization and utilization of the diverse skillset in practice, administration and policy will be more profoundly recognized through the acquisition of advanced and continual technical training which will expand the capacity of the USPHS in its provision of services to expand the capacity of all communities served.

The development of a technical training program or course offerings would be ideal and can be promoted as a SWPAG capacity building initiative. The initiative could be expanded and shaped based on the assessed USPHS and category need. In addition, relationship building remains a vital element of organizational growth. Therefore, additional trainings could be afforded to social workers to enhance our people oriented skills for expanding employee relations and customer service between internal and external organizational stakeholders. My focus presents vision as an action that is both

A. Johnson

proactive and continuous with a goal for social workers to set the stage for responding to the call to serve in hard to fill areas and to be equipped to serve on emergency response teams more effectively in positions outside of a direct clinical role. In all, as the Chair-elect and within the period of transition to Chair, my desire would be to support the vision of the current Chair and present the foretold visionary perspective as another step on the SWPAG ladder designed through unity with past SWPAG Chairs to promote the social work platform of performance excellence.

5. Leadership ability and track record:

My leadership ability is reflected through my passion for service and the promotion of effective public health services within operational and community service settings. Operationally I have served in various clinical, administrative and instructional capacities within USPHS agencies, corporate entities, academic institutions and state and Tribal programs. Leadership is not a position but a heart of advocacy and continual search for avenues to stimulate change for the betterment of all people. Moreover, I have served as a Behavioral Health Manager, Program Director and University Professor with management responsibility of numerous staff personnel. All positions have afforded me the opportunity to lead by building relationships and reaching untapped potential to expand programs. In addition, I have contributed continuously to the USPHS mission and exhibited effective leadership as a COA National Local Branch Committee Executive Secretary (2015 – 2016), SWPAG volunteer (2008-present), SWPAG Policy Subcommittee volunteer (2012-2013); and HSPAC Policy Subcommittee volunteer (2012-2013). Presently, I serve as the 2017 HSPAC Executive Secretary and operate in an integral role in advancing the vision of the HSO CPO and overall HSPAC and HSPAG operational objectives.

My leadership is not limited within one setting as I maintain service through community settings. From which I was elected and served as a National Association of Social Workers Board of Directors Member for the Arizona Chapter (2015-2016). I served on the diversity committee and was instrumental in proposal submissions to address parity and access to care issues for underrepresented populations nationally. Also, I served on the task force as a subject matter expert to draft staffing analysis to congressional staff in promoting the critical need for increase in child welfare worker salaries to assist in retention and increased recruiting for case workers. The action was initiated to enhance service to assist the over 20K children and families in the Arizona child welfare system. I have sought to lead with a mindset and action steps of excellence to improve programs which enhance the lives of all. As a result, actions and effective collaboration with other professionals have led to the following achievements: USPHS Junior Social Worker of the Year Award (2016); Arizona State University National Cultural Heritage Award (2016) for expanding programs through training of behavioral health professionals and innovative program development in tribal regions to enhance patient education and reduce treatment resistance; Southwest School for Behavioral Health 2015 Unsung Hero Award and selected within a pool of 4,000 clinical professionals; IHS Director's Phoenix Region 2014-2015 Employee of the Year award within a pool of 2,400 staff; and Indian Health Service Colorado River Service Unit CEO 2015 Excellence Award.

Nomination submission for SWPAG Officers 2017

1. Position of Nomination: Chair-Elect
2. Personal Information of the Nominee:
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3. Nominee's current work function/position: I work as a social worker with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. My job is to independently organize and direct all social work operations at a 5000-inmate Federal Correctional Institution. Also, I complete assessments and provide proactive case management services through the development and implementation of individualized care plans and liaising between the inmate, family, medical, correctional staff, and relevant community resources.
4. Nominee's vision for the SWPAG: As the chair elect, I plan on continuing the vision of the SWPAG. I plan on working alongside the Chair to meet the needs of the SWPAG. I have excellent organizational and record keeping skills. I have demonstrated these skills at my institution where I facilitate the weekly utilization review committee meetings. I am in charge of planning, organizing, and facilitating these meetings. As the sole social worker at my institution, my organizational skills are displayed in coordinating and facilitating social work services. My organizational skills are demonstrated in working with different departments and disciplines throughout my agency.

Also, I show my recording skills in everything I do. In the weekly, utilization review committee meetings, I record the results and compile the information for the medical staff. In addition, I record the on-going notifications for the inmates. I also put together the information and results from the weekly meetings.
5. Leadership ability and track record: As a Public Health Officer, I have served in several leadership roles within the past year. Currently, I serve as the readiness co-chair for the SWPAG and JOAG Community Service subcommittees. I also serve as the meet and greet co-chair for the Los Angeles CA area. In 2016, I served as the outreach co-chair for JOAG publications and communications and HS PAC Recruitment and Retention subcommittees. Also, I am serving in several leadership positions for the AMSUS conference. I am on the planning committee for AMSUS helping to put together the Joint Services Social Work Panel. In 2016, I was the Co-Chair of the Aide-De-Camp committee for the AMSUS conference.

In addition, I was a lead at the 2015 NOLA Mission for BCOAG facilitating and leading officers in different activities to include: feeding the homeless, teaching students about

healthy eating, and passing out emergency hurricane kits. In September 2015, I was the team lead at the field management biological and chemical causalities course where I led a group of individuals through a class decontamination exercise.

Also, I have organized and coordinated several projects for both JOAG Community Services Committee where officers honored nations veterans and National Prevention Strategy Committee where officers packaged food care packages for families in need. I am also the Co-Chair for the Let's Move Initiative working with officers to help communities to get fit. In conclusion, I feel that I would make a great fit for this position. I would help the SWPAG grow and move forward.

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1. Position of Nomination: Secretary

 2. Personal Information of the Nominee:
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 3. Nominee's current work function/position:
Program Officer
ASPR/OEM/PREP

 4. Nominee's organization/recording skills:

I have demonstrated exceptional organization and recording skills throughout my work history. Specifically, during my time as a USPHS Officer, I recorded notes of the ICE Health Service Corp (IHSC), Behavioral Health Unit's team meetings, and formatted them into minutes. My minutes were utilized to inform IHSC I also recorded my interactions with providers in case notes. Before becoming a USPHS Officer, I was the chairperson of the Middlesex County Substance Abuse Impact Team. As the chairperson of the team I was also responsible for taking notes during our monthly meetings and submitting them to the Middlesex County Substance Abuse Action Council, our funder. Taking notes, writing minutes, and archiving the documents required organizational skills.

Promotion Year 2017

Be sure to check your promotion status!

Officers eligible for promotion need to ensure all documents are submitted properly:

[Promotion Year 2017 Checklist](#)

Document	Date Due
Reviewing Official's Statement	31 January 2017
COER	1 February 2017
PIR Corrections	17 February 2017
eOPF Corrections	17 February 2017
CV and Cover Page Submission	17 February 2017
Officer's Statement	17 February 2017
Required License/Certification	17 February 2017
Force Readiness	17 February 2017
Medical Requirements for Permanent Promotion	17 February 2017



Newsletter created by SWPAG
Communications Committee:
LCDR Justin Peglowski

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Interested in being a part of the Communications Committee. We are looking for members to assist with a variety of tasks, if interested please email
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